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**SPRINGFIELD, Illinois**— State Senator William Delgado (D-Chicago) has worked with the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) to help restore funding to their Parent Mentor Program.

"My office was recently flooded with calls from teachers and parents asking me to try and help LSNA get their funding restored for their Parent Mentoring Program," stated Senator Delgado. "In slashing the funding for this program, IDHS would have put 130 caring mothers and fathers out of a job."

The LSNA Parent Mentoring Program provides parents with a stipend to help bilingual students succeed at an early age. The program currently benefits neighborhood schools including Mozart Elementary, Funston Elementary, Ames Middle School, and McAuliffe Elementary.

Senator Delgado was able to take the concerns of the association and the parents to IDHS Secretary Saddler. By working together, Secretary Saddler was able to restore \$50,000 of the \$61,000 the association had originally requested. Leticia Barrera, the Educational Organizer at the LSNA, has been happy to report that these funds will allow 100 parents, throughout seven Logan Square schools, to say in the classroom through the remainder of the academic year.

"Secretary Saddler and those at the LSNA were instrumental in ensuring the continuation of this vital neighborhood program," stated Delgado. "I am honored I could help these schools retain their mentors and ensure that children don't fall behind in their studies."